

## BOR'S GOAL! To Repeal ft-Hartley Law

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## Law's Ban On Political Fund Held Void; Report In Defense Of Law Is Denounced

## Announced

### Federal Judge Declares Ban On Use of Funds Unconstitutional

Washington.—U. S. District Court Judge Ben Moore ruled that the Taft-Hartley law's ban on the expenditure of union funds for political purposes is unconstitutional.

In a sweeping decision sustaining the contention of organized labor,

A similar test case, involving the same section of the law, has been fought against an AFL union in Connecticut and we are hopeful of an early trial so that the facts and the law in both cases can be reviewed by the Supreme Court at the same time. In my opinion, Judge Moore's ruling is the forerunner of a host of similar decisions.

Following the court's ruling, the government announced it would immediately appeal the case to the Supreme Court for a final determina-

The Supreme Court upheld Judge Moore's ruling. It will have far-reaching effects on the right of political activities by organized labor.

That the issue in the case was not so much as to what was apparent from the speed with which Judge Moore arrived at his decision, as it was whether or not he acted as promptly as he believed appropriate as early as March 8. The final ruling was rendered with unusual promptness.

Judge Moore stated that the case charged an offense under Section 204 of the act which prohibited any person from acting in such a manner that such action were constitutional the government's case would be sustained.

"Judge Moore," said the majority, "on its face, fails to survive constitutional test," he declared.

In his opinion, Judge Moore's decision in history of the political section clearly showed that it was aimed "at the very heart of the policy which is charged as an offense in this context."

Following pointing out that not only the right of the publisher of a newspaper or editorial sheet was protected but also the right of the citizen to

Continuing, the jurist asked: "How they to get such information concerning the views of laboring men and women if that organization in, through which such persons are

judge Moore's publishing any views whatsoever on the subject of the investments brought against CIO President George Meany, who is being alleged violation of the Taft-Hartley law in publishing an endorsement of a candidate in a special congressional election held last summer. The surprise is to note that editorial copy, even in the case of a political endorsement, is not subject to review. For example, the New York Times stated:

"Judge Moore's decision that the provision of the Taft-Hartley Act prohibiting a union newspaper from endorsing a candidate in a congressional election is an unconstitutional infringement on the freedom of speech, of the press, and of the right of men to say both good and good sense."

**PRINTING TRADES ENDORSE FUND DRIVE FOR HISTADRU**

New York—The Allied Printing Trades Council endorsed the \$100,000 fund drive for the American Council for Labor Protection, declared Harry Wright, secretary of the coun-

the Holy Land, Mr. Wright, in a letter to the 19 affiliated locals, stated, "The record of its accomplishments

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Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.

I am against the Fair-Trade, etc. ☐

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Lafayette, Ind.—Senator Edwin C. Chicago.—Evidence that American

<b>AFL's Retail Clerks International Association</b> in response to an inquiry	thorization elections conducted among employees of a large food store chain
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"No one knows better than I the achievements of organized labor and

## LOCKOUT BENEFIT CHECKS

locked out when 24 commercial printing plants shut down will receive the United States will number close to 94,000,000 by November 1, 1948.

secretary-treasurer of the ITU. | bureau's report said.

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# Woll Urges Vigorous Trade Union Drive For Strong Wage and Hour Legislation

New York—Matthew Woll, AFL executive committee member, called upon union members to wage vigorous campaigns for the strengthening of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and for the enactment of minimum wage and hour legislation by the various states.

In the third of a series of articles prepared for the Workers Education Bureau, Woll said that the "new wage and hour law" is the only law that will protect the worker from the exploitation of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and for the enactment of minimum wage and hour legislation by the various states.

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## ITU Leaders, Commercial Print Shops, Agree on New Union Security Formula

New York—Leaders of the ITU International Typographical Union and representatives of the city's commercial printing industry have agreed on a formula which is designed to meet the union's "no-union" contract.

The formula deals with four major points. First, it provides for the election of the union's representatives by the workers in the commercial print shops.

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## Where Do You Stand?

How do you regard the Taft-Hartley Act? Are you for it or against it? Recently, Senator Robert A. Taft and other supporters of this legislation have been making speeches trying to make the public believe that the Taft-Hartley Act is opposed only by labor leaders and that the rank and file of labor union members are really in favor of it.

We think the public ought to know the truth. That is why we are conducting this nation-wide poll. This is an entirely secret ballot. We want you to express your honest opinion with perfect freedom. All you have to do is to place a check in the box beside either of the two columns below and mail the clipping to Post Department, American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.

I am for the Taft-Hartley Act ☐

I am against the Taft-Hartley Act ☐

Please mark your ballot above and mail to Post Department, American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Note to Readers—Labor's own poll has been designed to find out whether there is any hope for the claim that union members are in favor of the Taft-Hartley law. Editors are requested to give the poll and your readers to participate in the balloting.

## \$12 MILLION INURY PAY TO CALIFORNIA WORKERS

San Francisco—Over \$12,000,000 was paid to injured California workers in the form of workers' compensation benefits in 1947, according to the latest annual report of the State Compensation Administration.

As an indication of the growth of the insurance fund, the report states that the amount of the fund in the last year of its history was \$100,000,000, as compared with \$10,000,000 in the first year.

## AFL VICTORIES SCORED IN UNION SHOP POLLS

Cleveland—Results of AFL victories in union shop polls were announced today by the AFL-CIO. The results showed that the AFL-CIO was victorious in 10 out of 12 union shop polls.

# AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR WEEKLY NEWS SERVICE SUPPLEMENT

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## Baldwin Urges \$800 Boost For U. S. Postal Employees

Washington—Senator Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut joined with William C. Baldwin, president of the AFL's National Association of Postal Workers, in urging the enactment of an \$800 pay raise for postal carriers and other postal workers.

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## AFL Union Gains Fourth Pay Increase; Negotiates New Contract With Lever Bros.

New York—In a new example of good relations between the AFL and the business community, the AFL's International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers and other labor unions have negotiated a new contract with the Lever Bros. Company.

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## Real Industrial Peace Held Possible If Employers Cooperate With Unions

Chicago—Industrial peace resulting from satisfactory relations between labor and management is held possible by the American Federation of Labor, which has been working for the past several years to bring about such relations.

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## NEW YORK BUILDING PLANS INCLUDE 17,000 APARTMENTS

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## CHILD LABOR INCREASE HELD FAVOR OF CONGRESS

New York—James M. Myers, assistant secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, has urged the enactment of a new law to increase the minimum age for child labor.

## OLD TAX CUT REAVERS: BUTTER HITS #1 A POUND

Washington—Butter hit #1 a pound in many stores throughout the nation as a result of the new tax cut, which has caused the price of butter to rise.

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## Union Designates Election Empire

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## GREEN ON COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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## FEDERAL SURPLUS BILLS RECORD \$5 BILLION MARK

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## Green Urges Stronger Rent Control Law; Warns of Drastic Increase in Rent Level

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## Homebuilding Activity 40% Above 1946 Despite Unfavorable Winter Weather

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## Enthusiasm Marks Response To Union-Industries Exhibit

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